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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

M. R. F. HUNTERFAUTH, PRACTICAL HAIRDRESSER and Wig-maker, who has been Assistant in some of the best-known Hairdressing Establishments in Frankfort, Munich, Carlsruhe, Vienna, and Paris (in the latter place with Mons. Auguste Vervyn, Esq., Boulardie Circus, E.O. Barre, Hindey & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C., SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Greshamhill Street).

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ARMAND FRANCÉ, Esq., 90 Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 24, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., The APOTHECARY CO., Colombo.

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CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. DE CRUZ, S. CO., Quelch & Co., Amoy, WILSON NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, TRADESMEN'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits:—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1068

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$ 500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. MOLES, Esq.

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Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$25,000 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. annual interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

5.—Each Deposit will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

8.—For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager.

Imperial Maritime Customs.

Coast Inspector's Office.

Shanghai, 29th June, 1886. 1002

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW INTRODUCING A NEW

SAFETY LAMP.

WILL Burn any mineral Oil, consuming less per Candle light

than any other Lamp known.

No smell under any condition.

Cannot by any possible accident explode.

Most simple to trim and fill, and has only one wick.

Gives whiter and more powerful Light than any Lamp ever invented.

No. 1 burner gives a Light of 48 Candles:

No. 2 burner gives a Light of 68 Candles with a diminution of only 4% after 6 hours burning, consuming one pint of oil in five hours and three hours and a half respectively.

ONE HANGING LAMP will light a Room 20 feet square at a cost of 1/2 cent per hour.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are now SELLING these LAMPS in a variety of ELEGANT PATTERNS.

PRICE FROM 38.00 EACH.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

1235

KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

NEW FRENCH NOVELS.

ALPHONSE DAUDET—Tartarin sur les Alpes.

CHARLES TARDAN—Le Léon D'Avon.

FRÉDÉRIC CHAMPAIGNE—Le Carreau de Paris.

GÉRALD—Tout Prés d'une Faute.

EDOUARD MONTEL—La Bande des Coupables.

MARIE COLOMBIER—On le Meurt.

LEOPOLD STAPELTON—La Femme du Député.

EMILE ZOLA—L'Éguivale.

PAUL LHERMITTE—Diagon des Monologues.

AMÉDÉE PIGON—La Confession de Madame de Wever.

REMY DE GOURMONT—Marlette.

AUGUSTIN GAUFLIN—Excursions du Petit Poucet dans le Corps Humain.

Hongkong, June 12, 1886.

1151

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most-central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HÔTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 1612

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HONGKONG, May 25, 1886. 1022

HAVE RECEIVED EX GLENCOE.

LONG CLOTH SHIRTS.

INDIAN GAUZE SINGLETS.

BALBRIGGAN.

SUMMER 1/2 HOSE.

CHOLERA BELTS.

GENTLEMAN'S UMBRELLAS.

WATERPROOF COATS.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886.

1022

W. POWELL & Co.

RECENT ARRIVALS.

ADAMS' SILK GLOVES and MITTS.

BLACK and COLOURED PARASOIS.

OTTOMAN and PEACE RIBBONS.

WHITE and COLOURED NEEDLEWORK.

NEW PATTERNS in FRENCH PLAIN CANVAS TENNIS COSTUMES.

COTTON and LINEN THREAD HOSE.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, July 1, 1886.

1237

Intimations.

WANTED

A RESPECTABLE STEADY YOUNG MAN

TO attend the Bar at the "Star Hotel."

Good Reference as to Character required.

J. COOK, Stay Hotel.

Hongkong, June 24, 1886. 1230

VICTORIA LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN conformity with Clauses No. 32 and 33 of the Articles of Association, Notice is hereby given that the FINAL CALL of \$6 per Share is payable to the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on SATURDAY, the 17th Instant.

By Order of the Directors,

R. C. HURLEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 8, 1886. 1219

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.
Assorted SYRUPS.
COTTAGE'S Table FRUITS.
ASPARAGUS.
Queen OLIVES.
Sanago MEAT.
CAVIAR.
Potted MEATS.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
Eagle Brand MILK.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Green CORN.
Baked BEANS.
BRAWN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of
COOKING AND PARLOUR
STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.
WOFFLE IRONS.
CHARCOAL IRONS.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @
\$11 and \$12.
CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12
and \$14.
SAUCONY'S SHERRY.
SAUCONY'S INVALID PORT.
ROYAL GLENDRIDGE WHISKY.
JAMSON'S WHISKY.
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
HEERING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.
ASSORTED Liqueurs.
DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

FOR SALE.

CRAIGIEBURN—MOUNT GOUGH.
THIS desirable RESIDENCE is situated on
one of the very best positions on the
whole hill-side, and there is Room for additional
building.
The House is very strongly built—partly of
concrete blocks, and partly of bricks on
granite basement. It contains Seven Rooms,
besides Dressing-rooms, Bath-rooms, etc., and
Two Drying-rooms. The front Ver-
andah is more than usually spacious, and
the House as at present—enlarged as it
might easily be—is suitable for a Summer
Club or Hotel. There are Two Lawn
Tennis Courts—one in chunam and one, in
grass.

Possession may be had by arrangement—
and the Furniture if desired may be taken
at a valuation. Two-thirds of the Purchase
Money may remain on Mortgage at 7%.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Hongkong, May 18, 1886. 986

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London,
Antwerp, Havre, and Bordeaux, ex
S.S. *Meloc*, in connection with the above
Steamer, are hereby informed that their
Goods—
with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables—are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
before Noon, TUESDAY (Friday), requesting
it to be landed here.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after FRI-
DAY, the 16th July, at Noon, will be
subject to rent, and landing charges at 1
cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before MONDAY, the 19th July, or they
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been affected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1886. 1326

To-day's Advertisements.

LOST.

SMALL BLACK RETRIEVER DOG, with
White Breast, about half Grown, be-
tween Wanchai and Sailor's Club. It had
on a Brass Collar, with a small Brass Pad-
lock. REWARD offered.

Apply
H.M.S. *Albatross*.
Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1343

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.

The Steamship
Parrot,
Captain Stevens, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1340

To-day's Advertisements.

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THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS,
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship
Beagle,
Capt. A. WEBSTER, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1344

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Stander,
Capt. E. EWING, will be
despatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1349

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Haiphong, Capt. S. ASHON, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th Inst., at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1339

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE, VIA FOOCHOW.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking through
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TAS-
MANIA, &c.)

The Steamship
Airtie, Captain ELLIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1347

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Canton, Captain BREMNER, will be
despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1341

FOR LONDON VIA SUZEE CANAL.

The Steamship
Glenco, Captain DUNKE, will be
despatched as above on
or about WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1350

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NEW ZEALAND PORTS, VIA
FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
Whampoa, Captain HUNT, will be
despatched as above on
or about WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1886. 1350

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ABBEY CARVER, American barque, Capt.
B. C. PENNELL—Order.

ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. E. BROWN—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ASIA, American barque, Capt. J.
H. BOWERS—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

CHARLES HECKEL, American barque, Capt.
H. P. PRICE—Adams, Bell & Co.

COLONIA, American barque, Captain L. H.
HOWES—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

E. J. SARGE, British barque, Captain J.
H. GILL—Order.

G. C. TOTMAN, American barque, Captain
R. G. DELANEY—Ed. Schellens & Co.

LAONOK, Austro-Hungarian ship, Capt.
G. MORSE—Meilhers & Co.

LAURENCE, American ship, Captain DODD—
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

W. M. LAGHORN, British barque, Capt.
J. H. VETICH—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ZOUAVE American ship, Captain Robert
C. LOPEZ—Order.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks. Nos. of Share.

Value. Paid up.

POSITION PER LAST REPORT
Reserve. Balance, £'s

250,000 £ 12/-

2,000 £ 5/-

8,000 £ 2/-

10,000 £ 25/-

10,000 £ 25/-

1,000 £ 10/-

5,000 £ 25/-

8,000 £ 10/-

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MESSRS. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer, *Jason*, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port.

The *Macau Independent* confirms the news given by our own correspondent's letter of Saturday last, regarding the creation of a school to teach the Portuguese language to the Chinese. The sum of \$1,500 has been voted by the Government for the purpose.

A MUSKETARY from China, at a recent meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, United States, America, said:—I favor the anti-Chinese movement, for California is to corrupt a place for the Chinaman to be in. Let him stay at home until a 'purer Christianity may meet him than that now offered on the Pacific Coast.'

A CONSERVATIVE municipal commission has been formed for Haiphong under the presidency of the Resident. It is composed of four civil functionaries and eight French inhabitants of Haiphong, all named by the Resident General, the chief of the Chinese Congregation, two Chinese merchants and an Animist merchant named by the Resident General.

THE French commission for the delimitation of the Tonkin-Chinese frontier has arrived at Lao-kai, and its work will begin forthwith. The Chinese population on the frontier near Lao-kai, says *L'Aspirant du Tonkin*, is very favourable to the commercial development of that region. This favourable attitude is confirmed by the assurances of the officer of the Chinese troops on the frontier—an old lieutenant of the Black-Flag of Lin-yen-phu.

The importation of arms, powder and all ammunition and weapons of war has been prohibited in Annam and Tonkin by order of the King. French merchants established in the country are, however, permitted to import them if they have permits from the Residents or vice Residents. The King has also passed an ordinance allowing any private property, which has been declared by him or the Council of the Protectorate to be of public interest, to be bought up at a price to be fixed beforehand.

A VISORIOUS impulsion has now been given, says *L'Aspirant du Tonkin*, to public works in the towns of Hanoi and Haiphong. At the latter place improvements of the value of 200,000 francs are to be immediately undertaken. These improvements include the construction of quays, public buildings and the causewaying and maintenance of streets. At Hanoi, the Government has bought large grounds situated on the bank of the river, where they are to build houses for the public civil servants.

NOTES from the Kampung in the *Singapore Free Press* says:—It is true that we are to have the loving coo-cooers in the Penang cantonment tomahs for a holiday? Will all the big-bugs of the army and navy be up there with all the available obsolete boats to give out? Suppose the *Hek Cannon* had been a British ship, had we a spare man-of-war to send up to the naval truce? Why, in the name of wonder, does Admiral Hamilton keep with him all the obsolete naval gaw-gaws? Why not send down the naval superficies here?

THE representative (Kian-hoo) of the King of Annam at Hanoi has had the power of a viceroy conferred upon him. This will permit the Government of the Protectorate to work more rapidly and efficaciously on the Tonkin provinces. The acts of the Resident General, by virtue of the treaties, had to receive the royal sanction at Hue, entailing a long and troublesome procedure. With a viceroy at Hanoi, government measures can be promulgated without any delay. The upshot, of course, will be that this viceroy will be a convenient puppet in the hands of the French administration.

The cause of Home Rule as put forward by Mr. Gladstone is now hopelessly lost, the Tories alone having a clear majority of 69 over Gladstonites and Parnellites combined.

Another satisfactory point in the elections is that the Tories have even a majority over the three other parties combined. As yet it is not large enough to be called a working majority, but there are still 97 elections to be decided, by the time the contest is completed, the number may be large enough to constitute a small working majority. Whatever other results this may have, it will enable the work of the House to be proceeded with.

Mr. Emile Roche has been chosen to organise the customs of Annam and Tonkin. Mr. Roche, the *Courier de l'Extreme Orient*, is a distinguished sinologue, who knows Yunnan. He resided there for two years and published a remarkable book on that country, entitled *Les provinces du Yunnan*. *L'Aspirant du Tonkin* says the nomination will be hailed with much pleasure by every merchant, for Mr. Roche will introduce that breadth of mind which he applied to the installation of the Chinese customs. The merchants in Tonkin will find themselves relieved from those thousand little wearisome formalities, a product of the mercantile scruples and the result of an administration rather too fastidious.

A LONDON telegram dated June 20, in an Indian paper, says:—There was a large assemblage of Orleanists at Eu yesterday to bid farewell to Comte de Paris prior to his departure for England. The Comte arrived at Dover last night. A manifesto has been issued by him, in which he says that a monarchy is the only remedy for the ill of France, and that he will labour unceasingly to accomplish her salvation. The United Ireland declared that the *Feuillant* manifesto published by the *Times* is apocryphal.

REMARKABLE as were the telegrams which Reuter supplied us with in the early stages of the British Parliamentary elections, those supplied to the people of Singapore about the same time were even more remarkable and astonishing. On the 5th July, Reuter was able to disclose the total result of the elections, as the third of the appended telegrams, all taken from the *Straits Times* of that date, will show:

London, 2nd July.—Up to the present the following have been returned:

88 Parnellites, unopposed.
55 Pledged to Mr. Gladstone.
45 Unionist Liberals.
96 Conservatives.

London, 3rd July.—Saturday's returns:

88 Parnellites Total, 76.
57 Pledged to Mr. Gladstone
14 Unionist Liberals
103 Conservatives
427.

The *Straits Times* adds that "it will be observed that there is an error of 2 in the above numbers." On closer observation, the writer might have found a few more errors.

THE work of reconstruction in Annam and Tonkin goes on apace. In November 1884 a measure was passed creating a Chamber of Commerce for Haiphong. Now that measure is modified by another, creating a Chamber of Commerce both in Haiphong and Hanoi. There has always existed a little rivalry between the two towns, and doubtless this measure has been adopted with a view to giving them an equal commercial status. The Haiphong Chamber of Commerce will enter into its sphere of action the Provinces of Hai-duong, Quang-yen, Nam-dinh, Ninh-binh, the provinces of Annam and generally all the maritime region of the Protectorate, while Hanoi will take care of the interests of the remaining interior provinces of Tonkin. The work of the Chambers will be to furnish particulars with regard to the industrial and commercial interests of the Protectorate with a view principally to commercial legislation. They will advise as to the establishment of local banks and public works and have to publish regular bulletins twice a month with information as to the price of goods, the rate of exchange, and give generally all the news calculated to interest commercial men whether in Annam and Tonkin or in other countries.

A permanent committee is to be formed for the study chiefly of agricultural questions. This committee will have charge of all local exhibitions and will have to make a report every six months to the Government with regard to projects for the improvement of the country. A public exhibition under its auspices will take place every five years at Hanoi, and a competition will be opened between the natural and manufactured products of Annam and Tonkin.

Mr. L. C. Hopkins has been appointed Acting British Consul at Amoy until further notice.

THE Italian man-of-war *Rapido* leaves Shanghai about the 9th instant for Corea and Japan.

THE Straits Times understands that Major McAllum, the Colonial Engineer of the Straits Settlements, intends going home by the P. & O. mail of the 22nd instant, and that a complimentary dinner, to which His Excellency the Governor and the Colonial Secretary have accepted invitations, will be given to him at the Club on Monday, the 19th instant.

THE *Singapore Free Press* says that the Sultan Abdul Samad of Selangor, upon whom the Queen has just conferred the distinction of Honorary K.C.M.C., was the second of the Native State Rulers to apply for Resident (Perak having been the first in December, 1873) whom he has always fully supported, and of his own free will abolished slavery in his territory.

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